GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF WHEELS WHEELSETS BY ROMANIAN FIRMS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board placed two orders each on two Romanian firms in January and May 1996 for manufacturing and supply of 33,886 BG and 1645 MG locomotive wheels/wheelsets at a cost of Rs.45.27 cr ;

(b) if so, whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has raised certain objections in audit report on the subject in Chapter 4 on stores and assets management, starting from page 114 of their Report No. 9 of 1999 (Railways) ; and

(c) If so, the reaction of the Government on each of the points raised therein by CAG? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.

c) The para of CAG report referred has brought out

mainly that this procurement resulted in loss of Rs.3.44

crores on account of supply of 1282 defective wheels.

In this connection it is mentioned

that after reported failure of a wheel, out of supplies

made by these two firms, 100% inspection of all the wheels

received from these firms was ordered and the wheels of

suspect quality were segregated and jointly inspected by

RDSO with the technical team from the manufacturers.

Finally 1108 wheels costing about Rs.3.12 crores have

been rejected. This amount has already been recovered from

the firms. All the issues raised in CAG report have been

replied as per laid down procedure..